



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

May 4, 2014

+ Opening Hymn

Friend Of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing!

I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God. You call me friend!
I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, You call me friend!

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Is it true that You are thinking of me
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I am a friend of God. You call me friend!
I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, You call me friend!

God Almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me friend.
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God Almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me friend.
God Almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me friend.

I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God. You call me friend!
I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, You call me friend!

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Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Announcements

Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

We Gather

From many places we gather here. This is a high point of our week. We see our friends. We make new friends. And we spend time with The Friend -- the loving Christ who meets us where we are, as we are. In this Sanctuary we worship, and through worship the courage within us is kindled to inspire courageous living beyond this place.

Gregory Boyle

For twenty years, Gregory Boyle, is a Jesuit priest, has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, he distills his experience into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. *Tattoos* is about universal kinship and redemption with moving examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair. It reminds us that no life is less valuable than another

Homeboy Industries offers tattoo removal, job training, case management, mental health support, legal services and education. You can find out more at www.homeboyindustries.org.

Join us for an interactive book study on Wednesday evenings this month! Details on bulletin back page!

+ Gathering Song

Hallelujah

Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halleluja, halleluja.

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Contemporary Reading

Annette Beall

Tattoos on the Heart

by Gregory Boyle

Homies live in a zip code of the eternally disappointing, and need a change of address. To this end, one hopes (against all human inclination) to model not the “one false move” God but the “no matter whatness” of God. You seek to imitate the kind of God you believe in, where disappointment is, well Greek to Him. You strive to live the black spiritual that says, “God looks beyond our fault and sees our need.”

Jesus’ strategy is a simple one: He eats with them. Precisely to those paralyzed in this toxic shame, Jesus says, “I will eat with you.” He goes where love has not yet arrived, and he “gets his grub on.” Eating with outcasts rendered them acceptable. The strategy of Jesus is not centered in taking the right stand on issues, but rather in standing in the right place—with the outcast and those relegated to the margins.

One: In these human words, God’s voice is heard.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Jules Czarnik

You Looked Beyond My Fault

by Dottie Rambo

+ Scripture Lesson

Robert Fleming

Luke 24: 13-35

Two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking, Jesus came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And Jesus said, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then Cleopas answered, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” Jesus asked, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, how our religious leaders handed him over to be crucified. But we had hoped that he would redeem Israel. And then on the third day since some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted the scriptures for them. As they came near Emmaus, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So Jesus stayed. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Awesome God
Words and Music by Norman Hutchins

Gospel Ensemble

Sermon

No Matter Whatness

Rev. Troy Treash

Sermon Reflection

Mark C. Brown

We Offer Ourselves

Mark Eggleston

Offertory

Every Praise
Words and Music by Hezekiah Walker

Gospel Ensemble

Communion

Rev. Johnna Faber
Rev. Andrea Ferguson

**WE NEED
A HERO:
Houston
Equal Rights
Ordinance**

Did you know that in Houston it is legal for employers and business owners to discriminate against anyone based solely upon perceived or actual sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression?

In fact, Houston is the largest city in the United States, and the only major city in Texas, that does not protect it's LGBT citizens from discrimination.

Now is the time to end discrimination in Houston. And it's up to you.

Your presence is needed at our City Council Meeting this Tuesday, May 6, at 1:30 pm.

We need you to tell City Council why you support the ordinance or how you've experienced discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Many faith voices opposing the ordinance will be present. Affirming voices of faith are critical to be in the room. Each person is limited to speaking for one minute (about 130 words).

City Council will vote on this ordinance in the next two weeks.

Full details on the Council Meeting, how to register, and how to send a letter are available online at www.bit.ly/we-need-a-hero

Questions to Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org

Communion

As we gather, break bread, and tell stories of hope through prayer, song and ritual in the practice we call "communion," we bear witness that "Life is stronger than death. People can change with God's help. And God is worthy of our thanks and praise." All are welcome at the table: you do not need to be a member of this or any church to gather as God's children at the table of Life.

A brief blessing is offered with bread and juice, available to all. Gluten-free bread is offered at the far right; Spanish blessing offered at the far left.

Please honor this time of sacred community with singing, quiet meditation or prayer that we might each receive the spiritual nourishment we seek ...

Comunión

Al reunirnos, partir el pan, y contar historias de esperanza a través de la oración, el canto y el ritual en la práctica que llamamos "comunión", damos testimonio de que "la vida es más fuerte que la muerte. Las personas pueden cambiar con la ayuda de Dios. Y Dios es digno de nuestro agradecimiento y alabanza. "Todos están invitados a la mesa: no es necesario ser miembro de esta iglesia o cualquier reunir como hijos de Dios en la mesa de la Vida.

Una breve bendición se ofrece con el pan y el jugo, al alcance de todos. Pan sin gluten se ofrece en el extremo derecho; bendición españoles ofrecen en el extremo izquierdo.

Por favor respetar este tiempo de comunidad sagrada con canto, la meditación o la oración silenciosa para que podamos recibir cada uno el alimento espiritual que buscamos.

Communion Songs

Come Just As You Are

by Joseph Sabolick

Abide With Me

by Henry Francis Lyte and William Henry Monk

All Who Are Thirsty

by Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Andrea Ferguson

+ Closing Song

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our being Jesus' bears.
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

by Charles Crozat Converse and Joseph Medlicott Scriven
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+ Benediction

Rev. Troy Treash

+ Postlude

Mark C. Brown

I Will Follow

by Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan, and Chris Tomlin

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Welcome!

If you are attending Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.

Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located in our Welcome Area, to receive a gift from us. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

A Special Welcome to First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged one month through three years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4 - 17 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at Noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church that follows God's call to justice for all people. We build on a rich history of social justice for, and on behalf of, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Since its founding in 1968, Metropolitan Community Churches have been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements as an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, transphobia and homophobia can result in violence and death. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBTQ equality movement. MCC's ministry reaches over 43,000 members in over 250 churches in 22 countries worldwide.

Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality. Because of our faith we are called to: do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8); explore life's questions with open hearts and minds; raise our voices in sacred defiance against exclusion, whether religious, political or systemic; reach out to those with no hope; equip new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

The **MISSION** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christ-like action.

The **VISION** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. We embrace four core values:

Core Values

Inclusion

Love is our greatest moral value and resisting exclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We want to continue to be the conduits of a faith where everyone is included in the family of God, and where all parts of our being are welcomed at God's table.

Community

Offering a safe and open community for people to worship, learn and grow in their faith is our deep desire. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

Spiritual Transformation

Providing a message of liberation from the oppressive religious environment of our day or to those experiencing God for the first time is what guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives will be transformed.

Social Action

Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.

Worship | Sunday, 9 & 11 am
Children & Youth Worship | Sunday, 11 am
Nursery | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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Rev. Kristen Renewal

My beloved friends and faith-companions,

Just over a month ago I celebrated my sixth anniversary in ministry at Resurrection MCC! Marking the occasion, I wrote a letter to Rev. Troy and our Board of Directors which included the following reflection:

“Over the course of six years in full-time ministry at Resurrection I have received immeasurable gifts and countless blessings. It would be impossible to quantify the ministry development I have been afforded and the spiritual growth which has been fostered within me during this rich and rigorous period of shared journey. To say that I am ‘grateful’ doesn’t begin to describe the depth of my appreciation to the people of Resurrection and to God for these years together.”

As I begin my seventh year in this amazing journey with you, I am grateful to share that I have requested and been given a period of spiritual renewal, or - in language I might use - a sort of “extended Sabbath,” in the amount of one week for each year I have served in ministry with you.

I often say “You can’t give what you don’t have!” and am aware in my depths that I am in need of a dedicated time of spiritual practice to bring a fresh outpouring of creative energy and vision to our new season together. As such, it is with great joy and appreciation that I share with you my plans to take a time apart with God throughout the month of May and a bit into June as well.

One of the greatest gifts of keeping a regular Sabbath practice is the sanity which rises as we acknowledge that we are limited, finite beings – that we are not God. And another, equally gracious gift is the soul-joy which washes through and through when we rest our finite humanity in God’s infinite and tender care: we are restored. I am in need of these things, both for myself and for my ability to minister well with you.

I look forward to returning on June 8th and preaching for Pride, washed through and through with soul-joy, restored by God’s infinite and tender care. For now I leave you with great love and these words of Mary Oliver, which are calling me into this brief time apart:

*When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.*

*I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.*

*Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.*

*And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."*

In the joy of grace, Kristen



LGBTQ AND FREE

THREE MONDAYS
MAY 5, 12, 19

7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

This foundational offering is for all who seek to reconcile their experience of God, their sexuality, and their understanding of Christian Scripture. In the course this series, we will engage study of the 6 “clobber passages” in the Bible through the lens of our personal faith experience, current Biblical scholarship, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If you are asking “What does the Bible say about homosexuality?” or “What does Jesus say about being gay?” please join us!

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20130505
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



HOUSTON EQUAL RIGHTS ORDINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY
MAY 6

1:30 pm • Council Chambers, City Hall
901 Bagby Street, Houston TX 77002

Mayor Annise Parker has proposed an Equal Rights Ordinance for Houston that makes illegal discrimination on the basis of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity in housing, public AND private employment, and public accommodations. This proposal will be reviewed at a special session of the Quality of Life Committee which is open to the public and includes an opportunity for citizen input.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/we-need-a-hero
Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE



FRIDAY
MAY 9
7 - 8 pm • Chapel

A contemplative experience using both spoken word and song, lead by Tony Pryor in the tradition of Taize. Please join us for this rich spiritual practice.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140509t
Taize@ResurrectionMCC.org



MCC 101 Rescheduled due to Mother's Day.

12:45 - 3:30 pm
Gathering Place

Learn more about who we are at Resurrection MCC in this introductory class. We'll discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, learn more about our history, and discover the many ways people are making an impact in our faith community. At the end of class you will be given the opportunity to become a member if you feel God's call on your heart to do so. The class is open to those wishing to become members and those who simply want to learn more about Resurrection MCC.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140511m
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH



FRIDAY • 7 - 9 pm
MAY 9

Pallotta's Italian Grill

27606 I-45 North, Conroe 77385
www.pallottasitaliangrill.com • 281-364-9555

Join your Resurrection friends on the North side of town for a night filled with good food, good friends and good conversation!

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140509n
FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT SOUTH



FRIDAY • 7 - 9 pm
MAY 16

Rudys BBQ

21361 Gulf Fwy, Webster 77598
www.rudysbbq.com • 281-338-0462

Join our NEWEST social dinner gathering for our friends South of Houston!

These monthly dinner gatherings are a great way to reconnect with those you may already know and is an opportunity to meet new folks and friends.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140516s
FridayNightOUTSouth@ResurrectionMCC.org



JOY OF DJEMBE DRUMMING

SATURDAY
MAY 17
1 - 5 pm • Gathering Place

This advanced group of drummers from the Imani Vida Drum Circle meets monthly to rehearse for community event performances.

For an audition to join, email
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org

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www.ResurrectionMCC.org/lease

Questions to Bridgett Vinson:
Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org



Resilient Families

A Community Partner Event

SUNDAY
MAY 18
12:45 - 2:30 pm • Gathering Place

The Metropolitan Organization is an organization dedicated to creating relational power and leadership among citizens in order to transform the city. "Resilient Families" explores the different types of pressures (economic, political, community, cultural) on our families and what and how community institutions can support us as we navigate these challenges. As we are empowered, we are also challenged to claim our ability to become community change agents. Lunch is provided. www.tmohouston.org

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140518
RevTroy@ResurrectionMCC.org



WEDNESDAYS - 7 pm
SATURDAYS - 9:30 am
Chapel

Overeaters Anonymous offers a program of recovery from compulsive eating using the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA. Worldwide meetings and other tools provide a fellowship of experience, strength and hope where members respect one another's anonymity. OA charges no dues or fees and is self-supporting through member contributions.

OA is not just about weight loss, weight gain maintenance, obesity, or diets. It addresses physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. It is not a religious organization and does not promote any particular diet.

OA members differ in many ways, but we are united by our common disease and the solution we have found in the OA program. We practice unity with diversity, and we welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. Welcome to Overeaters Anonymous. Welcome home.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



We are blessed to have served hundreds of clients throughout 2013. Your continued support through food and monetary donations allow us to continue to serve our community in a very meaningful way. The Board of Pride Charities would like to launch a special 2014 campaign by asking each of you to consider joining us in an effort to make each Sunday a special donation Sunday to keep our shelves bursting at the seams.

First Sunday (Protein) – Tuna, Chicken, Chili, Vienna Sausages, Luncheon Meat

Second Sunday (Fruits & Vegetables) – Canned Fruit, Peas, Corn, Green Beans

Third Sunday (Carb) - Small bags of Rice or Beans, Pasta Noodles, Cans of Soup

Fourth Sunday (Breakfast) – Cereal, Oatmeal

Volunteers are also needed to help return calls and set appointments, and to assist clients in the Food Pantry on Tuesdays from 9 am – Noon. If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, please contact Debbie Skelly at Volunteer@PrideCharities.org.

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry!



CRITICAL MASS BIKE RIDE - GOT LOVE?

FRIDAY

MAY 30

6:45 pm - 9:30 pm

Market Square Park, 301 Milam, Houston

Calling all Bicyclists!

Join fellow Resurrection MCC bikers for a Critical Mass Bike Ride - a casual mass bike ride around the city, intended to raise awareness and advocate a bicycle-friendly urban environment. All bikes and skill-levels are welcomed. The ride will last around 2 hours - about 20 miles. Meet at 6:45pm on the corner nearest Congress Ave and Travis St. in Downtown Houston. Look for the GOT LOVE? Resurrection MCC Shirts!

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140530
FAQs - www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq
RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org

GOT LOVE? SANCTUARY CHOIR CONCERT



SATURDAY

MAY 31

7 - 8 pm • Sanctuary

Under the direction of Steven Shannon, our Sanctuary Choir presents a collection of sacred and secular songs focusing on love, and sung with love-including a special surprise original piece! Come and experience the unconditional love of God expressed through music. A reception hosted by the Gospel Ensemble follows the concert. Admission is free. An offering will be received for our General Fund. Child care provided for children one month through pre-K.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140531
Steven@ResurrectionMCC.org

Five Steps for a Houston Equal Rights Ordinance



Houston City Council is considering Mayor Parker's Equal Rights Ordinance. The Houston GLBT Political Caucus and community partners are working to ensure that the ordinance presented to City Council is inclusive and comprehensive.

Please join us in calling on council to support an ordinance that protects Houstonians from discrimination based on real or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex, gender identity, gender expression, religion, sexual orientation, disability, marital or family status, and veteran's status in housing, public accommodation and both public and private employment.

www.bit.ly/we-need-a-hero

1. E-mail City Council (takes 20 seconds)

Our friends at Equality Texas have created an easy e-mail form at www.bit.ly/HouERO. Just put your information in and hit "send." (For bonus points you may draft your own unique letter)

2. Call City Council (15 minutes)

There are 5 "At-Large" City Council members, 11 "single-member" City Council Members and 1 mayor. These 17 people will be voting on the Equal Rights Ordinance and 7 of them were elected to represent you. Call them and tell them you want an inclusive, comprehensive ordinance that covers housing, public accommodation and both public and private employment.

Mayor

Annise Parker: 832-393-1012

"At-large" City Council members

Each member represents the entire city

Stephen Costello: 832-393-3014

David Robinson: 832-393-3013

Michael Kubosh: 832-393-3005

"Brad" Bradford: 832-393-3012

Jack Christie: 832-393-3017

"Single-member" Council members

Each represents different areas of Houston.

Find out who represents you at www.bit.ly/HouVOTE

District A, Brenda Stardig: 832-393-3010

District B, Jerry Davis: 832-393-3009

District C, Ellen Cohen: 832-393-3004

District D, Dwight Boykins: 832-393-3001

District E, Dave Martin: 832-393-3008

District F, Richard Nguyen: 832-393-3002

District G, Oliver Pennington: 832-393-3007

District H, Ed Gonzalez: 832-393-3003 (Mayor Pro-Tem)

District I, Robert Gallegos: 832-393-3011

District J, Mike Laster: 832-393-3015

District K, Larry Green: 832-393-3016

3. Meet with City Council (30 minutes each)

While you're calling City Council members, ask for an in person meeting. It's generally pretty easy to get a meeting and you can use this opportunity to tell the people who represent you that you want them to support a comprehensive, inclusive ordinance.

4. Testify to City Council (2 hours)

Houston City Council will receive public testimony on Tuesday, May 6 and Tuesday, May 13 at 1:30 pm. Call the City Secretary at 832-393-1100 and ask to be added to the list of people testifying for HERO. Then email Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org to inform the church for coordination purposes. You will have 1 minute (about 130 words) to speak. Here are a few suggestions for your testimony:

- Tell them that like the majority of Houstonians you support the Equal Rights Ordinance.
- If you have experienced discrimination in housing, public accommodation, or private or public employment, tell them about your experience.
- If you are a parent, tell them about the future you want to create for your children.
- If you are a person of faith, tell them about how your beliefs inform your support of the Equal Rights Ordinance.
- List all of the attributes protected by the Equal Rights Ordinance: perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex, gender identity, gender expression, religion, sexual orientation, disability, marital or family status. Make sure they know that this is about updating the ordinance to protect all Houstonians.

5. Recruit more help! (mere seconds)

Forward this e-mail, post the information on Facebook, or tweet about it! Over 70% of Houstonians support laws like the Equal Rights Ordinance. We are the majority! Tell your friends, family and coworkers to do their part and contact the City Council.

Thanks to the Houston GLBT Political Caucus for this resource. www.thecaucus.org

Participate in our Online Congregational Life Survey

In the months ahead, we are inviting our whole congregation into the spiritual practice of discerning what God is calling us to become and be doing in the years ahead. In preparation, we are conducting an online survey of our congregation.

It is very important for everyone to participate in this online survey.

If you do not have access to a computer and Internet, you may request a paper copy of the survey from RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org or 281-254-8006.

Your views and voice are vital as we continue to think and pray about our future!

Take the survey at
www.ResurrectionMCC.org/survey2014

YOGA CONNECTIONS

**Instructors Alternate Weekly:
Darrin Brindle, Robin Mack, and Special Guests**

TUESDAYS

7 - 8 pm | Activities Building

Please bring water and towel. Yoga mats available to borrow. Beginner to Intermediate skill levels.

**Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/YOGA2014
Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org**

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FISHERS NET PRAYER MINISTRY

Fishers Net offers personal prayers on Sundays at the Prayer Wall after the 11:00 am Worship Service. Please email your prayer request to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Board Member on Duty

Kandace Klingler and Janetta Ross

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended April 27, 2014

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$17,393.22	\$317,607.58
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,837.38	\$303,235.42
Total Giving Variance		(\$14,372.16)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$18,682.80	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,837.38	
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	471	471
Programming	159	173
Total Weekly Attendance	630	643

Ministry Plan Need is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2013 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY MAY 4

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30 am	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center

MONDAY MAY 5

6:30 pm	Facility Committee Meeting	Conference Room
7:00 pm	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	LGBTQ and Free in Thee	Gathering Place

TUESDAY MAY 6

6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Conference Room
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building

WEDNESDAY MAY 7

7:00 pm	Tattoos on the Heart Book Study	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel

THURSDAY MAY 8

10:00 am	Houston Area Fiber Artists Meeting	Gathering Place
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FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED MAY 9

6:00 pm	Taize Prayer Service Rehearsal	Chapel
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT - North	Rudy's BBQ
7:00 pm	Taize Prayer Service	Chapel

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED MAY 10

8:00 am	Body Blast Fitness Camp	Activities Building
9:00 am	Stewardship Meeting	Conference Room
9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
11:00 am	Praise Dance Rehearsal	Sanctuary

SUNDAY MAY 11

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30 am	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center



BRUNCH BUDDIES TODAY

12:30 - 2 pm

JUANITA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

2728 West T C Jester, Houston 77018
713-680-8011

Every Sunday, all are welcome to meet in the Gathering Place after the 11 am Worship service to connect with those going to brunch. Around 12:30 the group departs for the chosen location for the week (Restaurant name and address are in the bulletin each week). Whether you're a long-time congregant or a first-time visitor, consider yourself invited to become a Brunch Buddy!

RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



TATTOOS ON THE HEART

INTERACTIVE BOOK STUDY

FOUR WEDNESDAYS

MAY 7, 14, 21, 28
7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

For twenty years, Gregory Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In Tattoos on the Heart, he distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. These essays about universal kinship and redemption are moving examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-tattoos
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